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MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters USAF
AFCIG-5

Attention: Lt. Col. Leo P. Geary

SUBJECT : Regular Air Force Commissions for Project
Pilots

1. As a result of discussions with some of the pilots assigned to this project, I have the impression that a few of them are extremely interested in applying for commissions in the regular USAF under the forthcoming quota. They realize that in their present status they have temporarily lost contact with the Air Force but believe the conditions under which they joined this project implied they would neither lose rank nor relative status while they are separated from the Air Force on this mission.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] briefly mentioned this subject to Gen. Mills on 23 July and informs me that Gen. Mills is aware of this situation and believes an official look should immediately be made into the possibility of regular commission eligibility of project pilots who desire such. Although the commissions will not actually be given until January 1958, applications and processing of candidates is soon to go into effect.

3. I am having my administration people determine which project contract pilots are desirous of applying for appointment in the regular Air Force upon termination of their services with this project. When we obtain this information I will forward it to your office. In the meanwhile would it seem reasonable for you to begin researching for information pertaining to methods for applying and the legality of commissioning our project pilots desirous of being commissioned in the regular USAF.

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Project Director

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